

Beaumont Fire-Rescue Services

PERFORMANCE BENCHMARKS

404.01H

Driving Defensively under Emergency Conditions

Discipline: D/O
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I. Objective

Operate a vehicle using defensive driving techniques under emergency conditions, given a fire department vehicle and simulated emergency conditions, so that control of the vehicle is maintained.

II. Instructions – Procedures for Achieving the Objective

The Driver/Operator shall operate a fire department pumper using defensive driving techniques under simulated emergency conditions.

III. Examiner's Note

The Driver/Operator will not be allowed to review the performance steps at the time of testing. Emergency driving simulation should be restricted to a driving track or similar controlled area. Emergency driver training should not be conducted on public ways. For more information, see 49 CFR 383. The driving course must allow the Driver/Operator to navigate one through-intersection and two intersections where a stop is made.

IV. Preparation & Equipment

- A. Fire department vehicle
- B. Simulated emergency conditions

V. Reference Sources

- A. IFSTA, Pumping Apparatus Driver/Operator Handbook, 2nd Edition
- B. TCFP, Performance Standards, Section 700-4.3.6
- C. NFPA, 1002 4.3.6

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Name:	Officer #:
Evaluator:	Officer #:
Date:	Location:

The Driver/Operator:

(No partial points given)

- a) Makes a 360-degree visual inspection around the apparatus..... 3.0 _____
- b) Uses handrails to enter and exit the apparatus 1.0 _____
- c) Wears seat belt P/F _____
- d) Ensures no firefighters were in a standing position anywhere on the apparatus P/F _____
- e) Checks mirror positions before moving 2.0 _____
- f) Correctly checks passenger restraint devices are in use..... P/F _____
- g) Verbalizes maintaining safe following distances 2.0 _____
- h) Maintains control of the vehicle while accelerating P/F _____
- i) Maintains control of the vehicle while decelerating P/F _____
- j) Maintains control of the vehicle while turning P/F _____
- k) Safely operates under adverse environmental or driving surface conditions .. P/F _____
- l) Correctly uses automotive gauges P/F _____
- m) Correctly uses automotive controls P/F _____
- n) Follows all local and state laws P/F _____
- o) Uses hand-over-hand or shuffle steering for all elements P/F _____
- p) Displays use of appropriate speed for all driving elements P/F _____

Points Possible	Passing Score	Attempt	Performance Rating (Points)	PASS	FAIL
8	6	First			
		Second			
		Third			